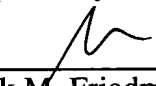


REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and remarks filed on October 27, 2006 it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 16 and 34, and hence dependent claims 3-5, 13-15, 30-34, 37 and 43 are in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

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